

Report on Supervisory Union/School District Expenditures for Health Services

In order to maximize the amount that the State of Vermont can claim under the Global Commitment Health Waiver, various State agencies and school districts are being asked to report on health services provided. This survey is being used to collect information on the cost of health services provided in schools. In order for the school health services to count toward the amount of funds that the State can draw under Global Commitment, the State must certify the amount being spent. This will not generate funding for school districts.

The information needed is the actual expenditures for FY-2010 for health services paid by the supervisory union and its member school districts. One area that all supervisory unions incur cost for is school nursing services. This is the one area that it is mandatory for supervisory unions to report.

School Nurses – this can include actual nursing services, health screenings, counseling students and their families on medical issues and for health education. The health services would include the cost of the school nurse or an individual operating under the direction of a school nurse. This would include salary, benefits, and supplies. If any of the cost of the school nurse is paid from federal funds, that amount needs to be excluded. The only exception is that supervisory unions do not need to deduct the school nurse claims for the EPSDT program. The amount of claims submitted by the EPSDT program for school nurses will be calculated at the State level and deducted from the amount reported in this category.

In addition to school nursing services, supervisory unions and their member school districts may provide other health services. We would like school districts to report information on other health services if the information is retrievable from their accounting records. The following are some categories of health services that could be reported by supervisory unions and their member school districts:

Occupational Therapy – include the cost of occupational therapy services provided to students by a licensed Occupational Therapist or a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA). If OT services are being billed to the School-Based Health Services Program (IEP Medicaid) for IEP students who are Medicaid eligible, do not include any OT costs for special education students. For most supervisory unions/school districts, this will only include the cost for non-IEP students. Exclude any part of the cost paid for with federal funds.

Physical Therapy – include the cost of physical therapy services provided to students by a licensed Physical Therapist or a Physical Therapy Assistant. If PT services are being billed to the School-Based Health Services Program (IEP Medicaid) for IEP students who are Medicaid eligible, do not include any PT costs for special education students. For most supervisory unions/school districts, this will only include the cost for non-IEP students. Exclude any part of the cost paid for with federal funds.

Mental Health Counseling or Psychological Services – the cost of mental health counseling or psychological services can be reported if the staff person is considered a professional for Medicaid billing purposes and is providing services to non-IEP students with certain limitations. A school psychologist whose only license is from the Department of Education with a school psychologist endorsement is not billable to Medicaid and cannot be included as a health cost for this survey. The costs for licensed social worker, psychologist, certified mental health worker

can be reported as health costs if the costs are not being billed to Medicaid either through the School-Based Health Services Program (IEP Medicaid) or under a success beyond six contract with a local mental health agency or paid from federal funds.

Personal Care Aides – the cost of personal care aides can be reported for non-IEP students if the student requires the service based on a 504 or EST plan and if the one on one assistance is provided for the student’s full school day. The only exceptions are (1) if the service is provided under a success beyond six contract, (2) is being billed to Medicaid in some other way, or (3) if the cost is paid from federal funds.

Dental or Medical Services – the cost for the school district from non-federal funds for a dental or medical clinic located in the school can be reported as a health cost.

Any questions about the above information should be directed to Nicole Tousignant at 828-5111.

Please submit the completed form by August 16th to:

Vermont Department of Education
Attn: Nicole Tousignant
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Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

Report on FY-2010 Expenditures of School Health Services

Supervisory Union: _____

The following are the actual costs incurred during FY-2010 for the above supervisory union and its member school districts for the services listed below:

Required

FY-2010 Cost

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| School Nurse Include the salary, benefits and supplies for school nurses and the individuals operating under the direction of a school nurse | |
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Please indicate whether the supervisory union billed school nurse services to the EPSDT program for any part of the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Yes ____ No ____

Optional

Please provide the expenditure information for any of the following categories that you can pull from your accounting records for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The expenditures can only include services by an appropriately licensed professional for all categories except for the Personal Care Aides category. The qualifying professionals are listed below as well as in the instructions. Any expenditures paid from federal funds or charged to Medicaid must be eliminated from the amount reported. If services for a particular category are currently being billed to the School-Based Health Services (IEP Medicaid) Program for IEP students, then do not include the cost of any services for special education students.

| Health Service Categories: | FY-2010 Cost |
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| Occupational Therapy Only include services provided by a licensed Occupational Therapist or a Certified Occupational therapist Assistant (COTA). | |
| Physical Therapy Only include services provided by a licensed Physical Therapist or a Physical Therapy Assistant. | |
| Mental Health Counseling or Psychological Services Only include services by licensed social worker or psychologist or certified mental health worker. Do not include a school psychologist if they only have a Department of Education license with a school psychologist endorsement. | |
| Personal Care Aides Only include if service is provided for student's full school day in accordance with a 504 or EST plan. | |
| Dental or Medical Services Only include costs paid by the school district from non-federal funds. | |

FY-2011 Budget Level

The FY-2011 budgeted amount for the categories completed above is expected to (check one):

- ☐ be **roughly equivalent** to the above FY-2010 expenditures.
☐ **increase** from the above FY-2010 expenditures.
☐ **decrease** from the above FY-2010 expenditures.

The above information has been compiled and submitted by:

(Signature)

(Date)

(Telephone Number)